

BOROUGH OF BASINGSTOKE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1942.

Public Health Department,
Market Chambers,
Church Street,
BASINGSTOKE.

To:-

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Basingstoke.

June 1943.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1942 which
has been made as brief as possible in accordance with
the Ministry of Health instructions.

Yours faithfully,

M. AVENT.

Medical Officer of Health.

1.

STATISTICS.

Births.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Live births: Legitimate	148	114	262
illegitimate	9	8	17
Still births: 5			
Still birth rate per 1,000 total births.....			17.
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated population.....			16.3
Birth rate for England and Wales.....			15.8

Deaths.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Deaths from all causes	77	97	174
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population.....			10.1
Death rate for England and Wales.....			11.6
Deaths from puerperal causes (Maternal mortality) ..			1.
Deaths of infants under 1 year:-			
Legitimate 12			
Illegitimate Nil.			
Infant death rate per 1,000 live births.....			43
Infant death rate for England and Wales.....			49
Deaths from measles.....			Nil.
Deaths from whooping cough.....			Nil.
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....			Nil.
Deaths from cancer (all ages).....			29.

2.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk.

Forty-six samples of milk have been taken during the
year, thirteen of ordinary milk, and thirty-three of pasteurised
milk. Seven samples of ordinary milk were found to be
unsatisfactory owing to the presence of bacillus coli.
Twenty-eight samples of pasteurised milk were found to be
satisfactory, of the five unsatisfactory samples, three were
not efficiently pasteurised, whilst the remaining two contained
a high bacterial count. In the case of 1 sample of ordinary
milk, and 1 of pasteurised, the samples were too old when
received at the Laboratory to give a correct analysis.

Meat and Other Foods.

696 visits have been made to the slaughterhouses and other food premises during the year, and 5565 carcasses have been inspected. The detailed inspection of carcasses in the slaughterhouses proved somewhat difficult during the hours of 'blackout.'

In all, 6 tons, 17 cwts, 2 qts, 10½ lbs of food have been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This weight does not include canned and packeted foods not usually sold by weight.

Condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total.
Number killed	27	44	941	3819	734	5565
Number inspected	27	44	941	3819	734	5565
All diseases except Tuberculosis.						
Whole carcasses condemned.	3	4	4	8	20	39
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	7	26	6	24	79	142
Percentage diseased	37.0	68.1	1.06	0.84	6.74	3.18
Tuberculosis.						
Whole carcasses condemned.	2	6	2	-	1.	11.
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	15	-	-	26	33
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis.	14.8	47.7	0.21	-	3.67	0.70

3.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

	<u>Notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>
Scarlet fever.	30	17
Whooping cough	18	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	4	-
Measles.	105	-
Cerebro spinal fever.	1	1
Erysipelas.	1	-
Puerperal pyrexia.	3	-
Anterior poliomyelitis.	1	1
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-pulmonary.</u>
Tuberculosis.	9	3
" Deaths	3	3


ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Admissions.

	<u>Scarlet fever.</u>	<u>Diphtheria</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Borough	17	-	17)
Basingstoke R.D.	10	2	12(= 34
Kingsclere &	3	2	5)
Whitchurch R.D.			

The Town has again been fortunate in having only a small amount of infectious disease.

The Scabies Clinic has done useful and effective work and 137 patients have been treated during the year. The number of cases of this troublesome disease, however, do not yet decline.



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DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

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141 complaints have been received.

Classified statement of Premises inspected.

Total 3,079.

Rooms disinfected.....	31.
Mattresses.....	99.
Blankets.....	219.
Sheets.....	14.
Pillows.....	63.
Bundles of personal clothing.	2.
Books disinfected.....	43.

Water Closets. Reconstructed or new provided 5.
New pans fixed.....53.
Defective flush pipes repaired 42.
Cisterns repaired or renewed..34.
Walls,floors,roofs,etc. rep...51.

Drains. Reconstructed.....7.
 Cleansed.....34.
 Repaired.....53.
 New gullies.....18.
 Cesspools cleansed or repaired.....3.

Manholes. New provided.....8.
 Repaired and covers renewed.....2.

Ventilation shafts.
 Fresh air inlets.....1.

Sinks, baths, etc.
 New sinks provided.....11.
 Waste pipe repaired.....1.
 Waste pipe renewed.....14.
 Waste pipe trapped.....12.
 New dustbins provided.....30.

Yard Paving. Repaired.....3.

Dampness. Roofs repaired15.
 Gutters & rainwater pipes rep.....11.
 External walls repointed.....2.

General. Walls and ceilings repaired.....22.
 Rooms cleansed.....26.
 Verminous rooms cleansed.....32.
 Windows and doors repaired.....3.
 Floors repaired.....16.
 Stove repaired.....8.
 Coppers repaired.....6.
 Accumulations removed.....6.
 Rat nuisance abated.....14.

Urinals. Cleansed or repaired.....12.
 Cisterns repaired.....1.

Factories & Workshops.

Cleansed or limewashed.....20.
 Unsuitable or defective W.Cs. remedied 5.

Other matters.

Cowsheds cleansed etc.....4.
 Dairies cleansed.....4.
 Slaughterhouses cleansed.....1.
 Shop premises cleansed.....12.
 Animals improperly kept.....3.
 Yards cleansed.....1.
 Water courses cleansed.....2.

